Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently amended) A method for identifying a particular component of an electronic system that accessed a resource of said electronic system comprising ~~the steps of~~:

(a) creating an electronic security value unit <u>that is used as payment to access said resource</u>;

(b) distributing said electronic security value unit to said component;

(c) creating a first association between said component and said electronic security value unit<u>, wherein said first association indicates said electronic security value unit was distributed to said component</u>;

(d) providing said electronic security value unit from said component to a resource manager in exchange for access to said resource;

(e) creating a second association between said electronic security value unit and said access to said resource<u>, wherein said second association indicates said electronic security value unit was used to access said resource; and</u>

~~(f) analyzing said second association to determine that said electronic security value unit was used to access said resource; and~~

~~(g)~~<u>(f)</u> analyzing said first association <u>and said second association</u> to determine that said component accessed said resource.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said component is a group of one or more components, and wherein said resource is a group of one of more resources.

3.   (Previously amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said electronic security value unit is distributed to said component upon a request of said component for access to said resource.

4.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said ~~step of~~ distributing further comprises ~~the step of~~ distributing said electronic security value unit from a first electronic bank server associated with said resource to a second electronic bank server associated with said component,

wherein said first electronic bank server creates and records a first part of said first association, said first part indicating the distribution of said electronic security value unit to said second electronic bank server, and

wherein said second electronic bank server creates and records a second part of said first association, said second part indicating the distribution of said electronic security value unit to said component.

5.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 4, wherein said step of creating a second association further comprises subsequently distributing said electronic security value unit from said second electronic bank server to said component, and wherein each said component creates and records said second association.

6.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said first association and said second associations are protected against unauthorized access, tampering, and duplication.

7.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 6, wherein said first association and said second associations are protected by encrypting said first association and said second associations.

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8.   (New) A system, comprising:

a resource;

a component; and

a resource manager; and wherein the system:

creates an electronic security value unit that is used as payment to access said resource;

distributes said electronic security value unit to said component;

creates a first association between said component and said electronic security value unit, wherein said first association indicates said electronic security value unit was distributed to said component;

provides said electronic security value unit from said component to said resource manager in exchange for access to said resource;

creates a second association between said electronic security value unit and said access to said resource, wherein said second association indicates said electronic security value unit was used to access said resource; and

analyzes said first association and said second association to determine that said component accessed said resource.

9.   (New) The system of claim 8, wherein said component is a group of one or more components, and wherein said resource is a group of one of more resources.

10.   (New) The system of claim 8, wherein said electronic security value unit is distributed to said component upon a request of said component for access to said resource.

11.   (New) The system of claim 8, further comprising a first electronic bank server associated with said resource and a second electronic bank server associated with said component,

wherein, in distributing, said system distributes said electronic security value unit from said first electronic bank server to said second electronic bank server,

wherein said first electronic bank server creates and records a first part of said first association, said first part indicating the distribution of said electronic security value unit to said second electronic bank server, and

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wherein said second electronic bank server creates and records a second part of said first association, said second part indicating the distribution of said electronic security value unit to said component.

12. (New) The system of claim 11, wherein, in creating said second association, said system also subsequently distributes said electronic security value unit from said second electronic bank server to said component, and wherein said component creates and records said second association.

13. (New) The system of claim 8, wherein said first association and said second association are protected against unauthorized access, tampering, and duplication.

14. (New) The system of claim 13, wherein said first association and said second association are protected by encrypting said first association and said second association.

15. (New) At least one computer readable medium comprising instructions for executing on a computer system, the instructions including software applications for identifying a particular component of the computer system that accessed a resource of said computer system, the instructions for implementing:

(a) creating an electronic security value unit that is used as payment to access said resource;

(b) distributing said electronic security value unit to said component;

(c) creating a first association between said component and said electronic security value unit, wherein said first association indicates said electronic security value unit was distributed to said component;

(d) providing said electronic security value unit from said component to a resource manager in exchange for access to said resource;

(e) creating a second association between said electronic security value unit and said access to said resource, wherein said second association indicates said electronic security value unit was used to access said resource; and

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(f) analyzing said first association and said second association to determine that said component accessed said resource.

16. (New) The at least one computer readable medium of claim 15, wherein said component is a group of one or more components, and wherein said resource is a group of one of more resources.

17. (New) The at least one computer readable medium of claim 15, wherein said electronic security value unit is distributed to said component upon a request of said component for access to said resource.

18. (New) The at least one computer readable medium of claim 15, wherein said distributing further comprises distributing said electronic security value unit from a first electronic bank server associated with said resource to a second electronic bank server associated with said component,

wherein said first electronic bank server creates and records a first part of said first association, said first part indicating the distribution of said electronic security value unit to said second electronic bank server, and

wherein said second electronic bank server creates and records a second part of said first association, said second part indicating the distribution of said electronic security value unit to said component.

19. (New) The at least one computer readable medium of claim 18, wherein said creating a second association further comprises subsequently distributing said electronic security value unit from said second electronic bank server to said component, and wherein said component creates and records said second association.

20. (New) The at least one computer readable medium of claim 15, wherein said first association and said second association are protected against unauthorized access, tampering, and duplication.

21.   (New) The at least one computer readable medium of claim 20, wherein said first association and said second association are protected by encrypting said first association and said second association.